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The **US Commission on International Religious Freedom**, a bipartisan federal government commission that monitors religious freedom in the world, recommends the United States again mark Vietnam with the CPC designation.

The State Department's 2009 Human Rights Report, released last week, acknowledges that Vietnam's human rights record remains problematic.

"The government increased its suppression of dissent, arresting and convicting several political activists," the report reads. "The government utilised or tolerated the use of force to resolve disputes with a Buddhist order in Lam Dong and Catholic groups with unresolved property claims. Workers were not free to organise independent unions, and independent labor activists faced arrest and harassment."